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In re Application of	:	
Hidekazu Watanabe et al.	:	
Application No. 08/764,394	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Filed: December 11, 1996	:	PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket Number:	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
7217/52300	:	
Title: TELEPHONE APPARATUS USED	:	
FOR COMPUTER NETWORK TELEPHONE	:	
SYSTEM	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application, filed on June 21, 2007.

This renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed December 17, 1999, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue fees<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See MPEP § 710.02(e).

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Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 18, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 29, 2000.

Almost six years later, an original petition was filed on June 12, 2006, along with, *inter alia*, the issue and petition fees. The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on January 19, 2007.

With this renewed petition, several declarations of facts have been submitted, along with a plurality of exhibits, and a three-month extension of time so as to make timely this response<sup>2</sup>.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The first three requirements of Rule 1.137(b) have been met. The fourth requirement of Rule 1.137(b) is not applicable, as a terminal disclaimer is not required.

Pursuant to this decision, the Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision so that the present application can be processed into a patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to Senior Attorney Paul Shanoski at (571) 272-3225<sup>3</sup>. All other

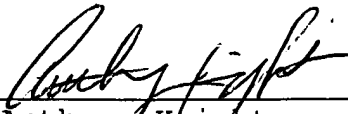
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<sup>2</sup> It is noted that this renewed petition contains a certificate of mailing dated June 18 2007.

<sup>3</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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inquiries concerning the status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication at 571-272-4200.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anthony Knight", is written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Knight

Supervisor

Office of Petitions

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